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MINES
LOK SABHA

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LIMESTONE RESERVED AREAS
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the limestone reserved areas in each State, location- wise;

(b) the total limestone reserves in these areas; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Government for the proper exploitation of limestone in those areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a): As per information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines(IBM), a subordinate office under the administrative control of the Ministry of Mines, at present, limestone bearing areas are reserved for public sector in the States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh as per details given below:-

Rajasthan

District	Areas reserved for SMS grade limestone	Area in Sq.Kms.
Nagaur	(a) Sona-Swai-Heera Block	26.00
	(b) Madhopur Block	10.00
Jaisalmer	(a) Sivara-Dungar(Sahu Block)	60.00
	(b) Khuiyala(Habir Block	10.00
Total		106.00

Madhya Pradesh

District	Reserved
Satna	22 Villages
Mandsaur	3 Villages
Jabalpur/Katni	1 Village

(b):- Total limestone reserves in these areas are not separately available. However, total (proved, probable and possible) limestone reserves as on 1.4.2000 in the State of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh are approximately18829.49 million tonnes and 6267.10 million tonnes respectively.

(c) Mineral concessions for limestone are granted by the respective State Government. Under the provisions of Section 18 of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act,1957, Central Government have notified Mineral Conservation and Development Rules,1988 for conservation and systematic development of minerals and protection of environment. Appropriate penalties have been provided for contravention of these Rules.